

**MERCER COUNTY L.E.P.C.
MINUTES
MARCH 8, 2023**

Members/Guests Present:

Dick Weinzierl, Cameron Ameron Int'l, Retired
Debbie Hartley, DPS
Brian Feist, McCutcheon Enterprise
Frank A. Jannetti, Jr., DPS
John Nicklin, DPS
Justin Rodgers, PA DEP (By Phone)
Dustin Wyant, DEP
Trey Coates, Interstate Chemical
Courtney Slavic, NLMK
Bill Malia, PEMA West
Doug Dick, Superior Ambulance

WELCOME:

Members introduced themselves.

MARCH 2023 Minutes:

Accepted

Moved by: Dick Weinzierl

2nd by: Doug Dick

All in favor

**TIER II INVOICES: Total billed in 2021 \$44,350
Total billed in 2022 \$38,500 \$8,850 decrease in fees.**

34 Planning facilities reported. 153 Invoices Issued

OFF-SITE RESPONSE PLANS: 10 Plans have been emailed to the State for comment.

INCIDENT REVIEW: Superior Ambulance Unit VS TT on Rt.58, Grove City
Truck vs Horse & buggy – Rt. 258 - PSP scene reconstruction – EMA provided lighting 6pm –
11 pm
Fire – Mertz Tower – Sharpsville – 100 Residents Displaced – fire was on the 8th floor.

REGION 13 REPORT: Hazmat Committee plans to replace Altair Meters, they may
choose to lease them. Foam can be used on lithium battery fires - Foam can be purchased with
Act 165 funds.

Reg 13 is ranked 31st most at risk in the US - Region will be funded in 2023. 1.5 million. 35%
must go to Law Enforcement.

TRAINING: The Battery Emergencies Class the LEPC sponsored provided useful information,
but it could have been presented better.

Hazmat Ops.: 2/5/23 – Hermitage – 32 Students

24-Hr Ops.: 3/25/23 – Greenville

Hazmat Ops.: East End – TBD

OLD BUSINESS: McKean County sponsored a fire-fighting foam disposal program. The foam may be determined 'hazardous' soon and the cost of disposal will increase. The cost was \$36/gal. including S/H.

EPA does not want the foam incinerated, as a way of disposal.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval to pay: Witmer – The Fire Store invoice – Sensors & Cal Gas \$968.00

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Train Derailment: DPS received many calls of concern for water and air quality.

DPS published Press Release to media and social media. Fielding calls of concern continue.

DEP did testing, 1-2 miles – No concerns so far.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

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